

Buckwalter Trail Q & A

11/2 posting:

1. In the general requirements, it says that the width of the trail will be 4 ft wide with an 8 ft wide allowable construction activity allowance. Can the trail width be over 4 ft wide when all said and done?
Please refer to the plans as far as the finished width of the trail.
2. When do you expect to issue a Notice to Proceed?
If the proposal opening date is the 19th, I expect that we will evaluate them for a week (depending on number received and Thanksgiving holiday, though) and then award and issue Notice to Proceed around the first week in December
3. Is a company five year history a mandatory requirement for proposal acceptance? We are recently started business, but we have been performing this type of work for over 7 years.
A five year history is not mandatory. What I was trying to make clear is that you could not count similar jobs you had done, say, 10 years ago. The more recent similar experience, the better actually. If you have 3 references for 3 different owners that are a similar type of project any time *within* the last 5 years that will be perfectly fine.

11/8 posting

What is going on with the 3 x 12 "headers" shown on the ditch crossings? What is their structural purpose? Why do the number of them differ from one ditch crossing to the next?

A minimum of one 3x12 board is called for at the end of each crossing for a "header". The "header" is what some people also refer to as a "band board". Below that, the drawings call for a series of additional 3 x 12 boards to form a retaining wall *below* the header. The two deepest ditches are scheduled for two 3 x 12s at each end, with the lower of the boards acting solely as a retaining component in case the side of the ditch begins to erode at the crossing point for any reason. So, the quantity of 3 x 12 boards differs because some of the ditch banks are higher than others.

The access and staging plan provided does not show an access point either between or near ditch crossings 3 & 4. Will there be an access point?

The Town is attempting to secure an access easement across a Beaufort County-owned parcel which is located behind the Care Core buildings and the new Law Enforcement Center. That would allow access to ditch crossing #4, but the contractor will probably need to build their own temporary crossing in order to access ditch crossing #3 with heavy equipment.

11/9 posting:

We are bidding on the above referenced project. I have received the plans but I do not have any specifications. Are there any? What do we submit our quote on? We had someone attend the pre-bid but they did not receive anything.

- 1) Since this is a straightforward project, the only specifications are the notes on the cover page of the plan set, the drawings themselves, and the requirements set forth in the RFP
- 2) Since this is a Request for Proposals, not a bid, there isn't a bid form. Please refer to the "Proposal Submittal" section of the RFP for what should be included in your proposal